THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Thursday, 27th November 1952.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, Madras, at half-past ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—PRIVILEGE MOTION *RE* INCORRECT ANSWER TO A QUESTION.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri M. Veerabhadram has given notice of a privilege motion. The motion reads as follows :—

'Inasmuch as the answer that the Chief Minister gave to a supplementary question arising out of the answer to question No. 119 on 24th November 1952 wherein he stated that the Government did not intimidate any Government servant who joined an unrecognized Union does not correspond to truth as may be seen from the specific directive contained in the Government Memorandum No. 20697-H/51-4, Health, dated 20th June 1951, and thus constitutes a breach of privilege of the Members of this House who are entitled to receive truthful answers from the Members of the Government, this House hereby resolves that the whole matter be referred to the Committee of Privileges'.

I want to give a ruling straightaway. Probably, the hon. Member wants to say something in that regard."

*SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—" అధ్యక్షా, ఇది ఏరకంగా భంగకరంగా ఉన్నదో కొంత మనవి చేయవలసిన అవసరమున్నదని నేను భావిస్తున్నాను.

" మొన్న 24 వ తేది క్రిష్ణరావుగారి ప్రశ్నకు సమాధానము చెప్పుతూ ముఖ్య మంత్రిగారు ఈ రాజ్యాంగము అమలులోనికి వచ్చిన తరువాత ఈ రూల్సు ఏమైన మార్పు చేసినారా అని అడగ్గా చేయలేదని స్పష్టంగా చెప్పారు"

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let the hon. Member be brief. I will allow him two minutes."

SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—" కాని యథార్థము ఏమిటంటే ఇప్పుడు ఈ తీర్మానములో ఉన్నటువంటి ప్రభుత్వముయొక్క ఆర్డరు నెం. 20697 రు 1951 వ సంవత్సరం జూన్ మాసములో pass చేయబడింది. ఆలాగు ఉత్తర్వు ఇచ్చినప్పుడు, ప్రభుత్వ ఉద్యోగులను బెదరిస్తున్నారా అని అడిగితే, బెదరించడంలేదని మంత్రిగారిచే స్పష్టం చేయబడింది. కాని ఆ గవర్నమెంటు మెమొరాండం తెలియ జేస్తున్నది ఏమిటంటే, ఏ ఉద్యోగి అయినా ఏదైన హాస్పిటల్ శాఖలో సభ్యుని హోదాలో ఉండడం Government Servants Conduct Rules లో Rule 22 (2) కు విరుద్ధంగా పరిగణింపబడుతుందని . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is reading something What is the use of reading the matter now? "

SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—" అటువంటి వారు క్రమ శిక్షణకు గురి కాబడుతారని, కనుక ఉద్యోగులు అటువంటి సంబంధము పెట్టుకోకూడదని చెప్ప వలసిందని Director of Medical Services కోరబడు తున్నారని అందులో స్పష్టంగా ఉన్నది. ఆ ప్రభుత్వ ఆర్డరును ఆధారంగా తీసుకొని అనేక చోట్ల అనేక శాఖలలో పనిచేస్తున్నటువంటి వారిని intimidate అంటే బాధించడం జరుగు

తున్నది. ఇక్కడ చూడవలసినటువంటి విషయమేమిటంటే, మేము ఇక్కడ ఉన్నటువంటి సభ్యులందరు కూడ ప్రభుత్వమునుంచి న్యాయమైనటువంటి. లేక నిజమైన సమాచారాన్ని సేకరించడం కోసరము ప్రశ్నలు వేస్తాము. కాని ముఖ్య మంత్రి సత్య దూరమైన విషయాలను తెలుపడమే కాకుండా, ఈ విషయాలను ఇక్కడ తీసుకొని వచ్చుటకు అవకాశములేకుండా చేస్తున్నారు."

MR. SPEAKER :—"I have already given the hon. Member sufficient time. He will kindly resume his seat. I have not followed the hon. Member."

* SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—"Precisely in view of that, Sir, I want to give a gist of what I understood him to say. He stated that the particular answer was given by the Hon. Chief Minister, in which he said that Government employees who joined unrecognized associations are not in any way intimidated and no pressure is exercised on them if they join such unrecognized associations. The hon. Member now produces before the Chair the Government Order in which it is said that the employees will be punished for any violation, and says that that particular Government Order was specially forwarded to a particular Government employee. The hon. Member's question is not that the employee was specially intimidated, but that on the floor of this House when Members ask questions, they want answers to be in accord with Government Orders and facts. When there is variance between the Government Orders and the answers given by the Hon. Chief Minister, Mr. Veerabhadram says that it amounts to a breach of privilege."

MR. SPEAKER :—"I do not think any Hon. Minister wants to speak. Probably, if any Minister speaks, he will say that it is a breach of privilege on the part of the Member, Mr. Veerabhadram to say, when the Minister gives an answer, that it is not a correct answer. I think he may say so, but I am not certain of that. Whatever that may be, granting, for argument's sake, that it is not a correct answer that was given, it will not come under 'breach of privilege'. I say that granting, for argument's sake, that it is not a correct answer that was given the other day, it does not come under 'breach of privilege'. The hon. Member Mr. Veerabhadram has not made out a case for his motion. There is no prima facie case. I, therefore, rule it out of order."

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER :—"I may tell the House that to-day I have placed before the House as many as 29 questions. I hope the House will co-operate with me in finishing all the 29 questions."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—"On a point of order, Sir. My question No. 172 was not taken up yesterday. I wanted to take it up to-day."

MR. SPEAKER :—"But the hon. Member has not asked for it in time."